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- DE 102 06 809 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification.

- DE 195 21 874 A1 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification and further cited in the International Search Report under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- U.S. Patent 6,129,367.

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references as cited in the corresponding German Application.

- DE 102 06 809 A1 discloses a four-point-arm for connecting a rigid axle to the frame

of a utility vehicle. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 43 10 526 discloses a rear axle for vehicle with oversteer correction, has trailing arm layout with rubber-metal mountings and with holes in rubber to control damping direction. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- EP 1 057 665 A1 discloses an axle suspension for rigid axles in vehicles. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 5-209696 discloses a torque rod bush and manufacture thereof. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 2003-267016 discloses a suspension link. A full translation is attached.

- JP 2003-267017 discloses a suspension link. A full translation is attached.

- DE 100 50 772 discloses an axle suspension for rigid axles of esp. utility vehicles has four-point linkage of tubular hollow component with two articulated arms fixed to the ends. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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